



Tukwila Police Department

2007 ANNUAL REPORT



Law Enforcement Excellence

Tukwila Police Department Mission Statement

We, the members of the
Tukwila Police Department,
are committed to

being responsive to our community
in the delivery of quality services.

We recognize our responsibility to maintain order,
while affording dignity and respect to every individual.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all –
through community partnerships and problem solving –
to promote safe, secure neighborhoods.

February 1, 2007

Honorable Mayor Steven M. Mullet
City of Tukwila
6200 Southcenter Boulevard
Tukwila, WA 98188

Dear Mayor Mullet:

I am pleased to present the Tukwila Police Department 2007 Annual Report to you and our community. In this report you will find photos and descriptions of our work during 2007.

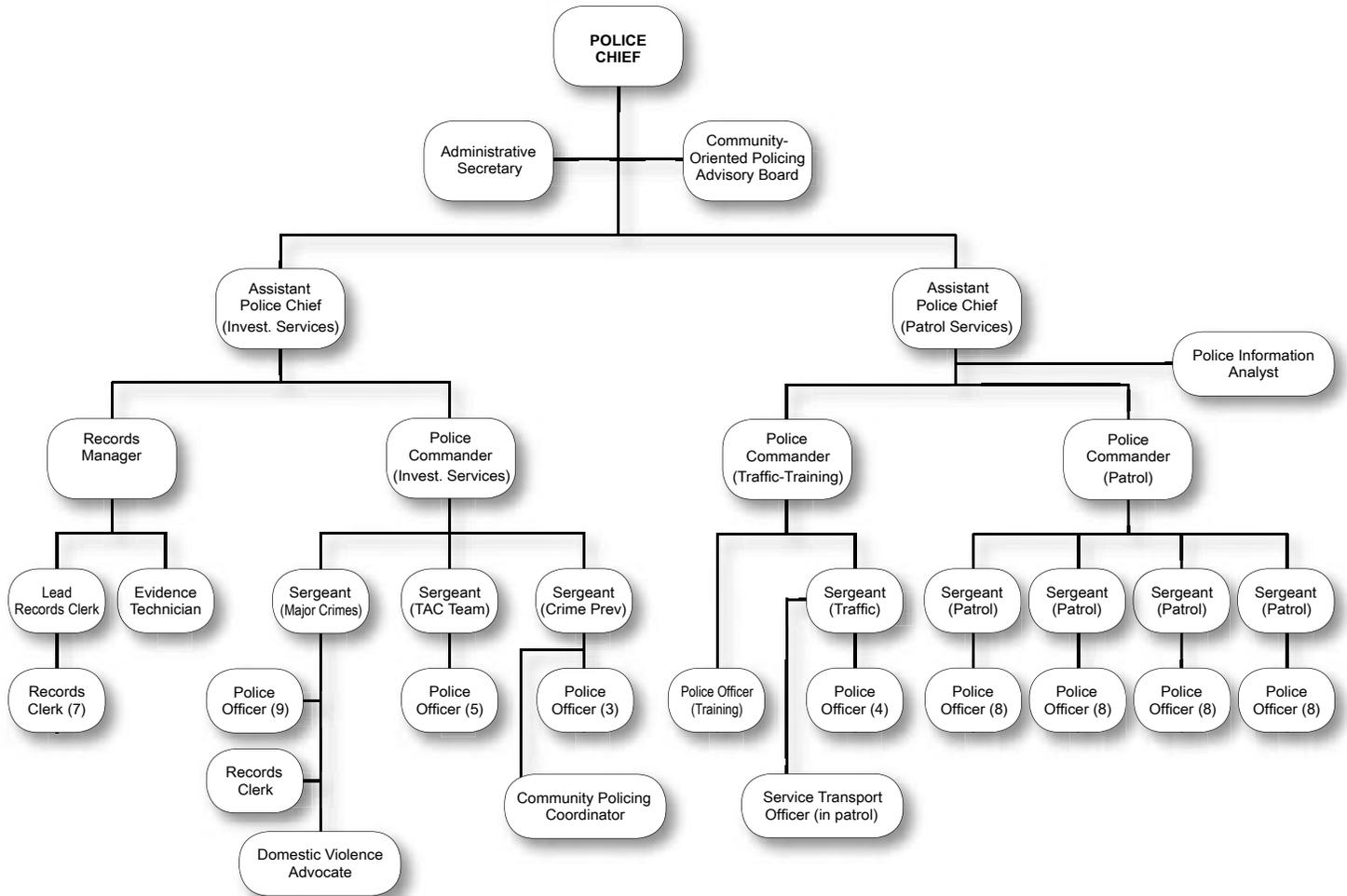
As always, your Police Department served with the highest level of excellence during 2007. Thank you for your continuing support of our agency.

Sincerely,



David W. Haynes
CHIEF OF POLICE

Organization Chart



**City
Government
2007**

Tukwila City Administration

Steven M. Mullet, Mayor

Rhonda Berry, City Administrator

Tukwila City Council

Verna Griffin, Council President

Joe Duffie, Councilmember

Joan Hernandez, Councilmember

Pam Carter, Councilmember

Jim Haggerton, Councilmember

Pamela Linder, Councilmember

Dennis Robertson, Councilmember

Tukwila Police Department Administration

David Haynes, Chief of Police

Lori Sutter, Assistant Chief

Darrell Baskin, Assistant Chief

Mike Villa, Commander

Don Lincoln, Commander

Dennis McOmber, Commander

Rebecca McGregor, Records Manager

Records Division

The Tukwila Police Department's Records Division operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and assists the citizens of Tukwila in a variety of ways. In 2007 the Division processed over 110 concealed pistol licenses, received and responded to nearly 40,000 phone calls, and processed 4,600 public disclosure requests. The Records Division also takes "found property" case reports and provides a fingerprinting service to the public.

In addition to serving the citizens of Tukwila, the Records Division provides support to our commissioned personnel. The Division assists with prisoner searches, monitors our jail holding facility, and routinely provides searches of local, state and federal databases to assist officers and detectives with locating information that is pertinent to their investigations and cases. In 2007, the Records Division processed well over 9,000 cases.

When processing cases, the Records Division must ensure accurate, complete and timely information processing. Information is entered into various local, state and federal databases. These entries include missing persons, protection orders, stolen and recovered articles including vehicles, and arrest warrants. Entering information into these databases must be done in accordance with various laws and system regulations. In order to ensure a high standard of accuracy, routine audits are conducted on these systems. In addition to internal audits, information entered into state and federal databases is subject to audits by regulatory agencies such as the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Records Division must continuously collect, store, and purge information. Each year case reports and other records are reviewed to determine which need to be maintained for extended retention, and which may be destroyed. The annual records destruction is done within the first quarter each year, and is done in accordance with the State of Washington General Records Retention Schedule for Law Enforcement. The Records Division currently maintains over 90,000 case files dating back as far as 1968.

Property and Evidence Division

The primary duty of the Property and Evidence Division is to ensure the proper chain of custody for property and evidence items taken in by the Tukwila Police Department. Once items are turned into the Property and Evidence Division, they are tracked using a bar coding system. In 2007, over 5,000 items were taken in as property and evidence. Maintaining the chain of custody for these items is imperative to maintaining the integrity of the Department's property and evidence system. Internal audits are routinely conducted to ensure proper system use, and state audits are conducted as well.

As items are continuously coming into the Property and Evidence Division for storage, they must also continuously be purged as they exceed their retention periods. Destruction of these items is a lengthy process of researching the status of related case reports, coordinating destruction approval with various detectives and prosecutors, and researching court docket and sentencing information, as well as adhering to various local, state and federal laws.

In early 2007, Evidence Technician Susan Holaday provided testimony at a public hearing which was pivotal in helping pass House Bill 1268, which allows for Police Departments to donate usable property and evidence items to non-profit organizations once they have exceeded the necessary retention period. (Previously the law only allowed for the donation of bicycles and toys.) This benefits local citizens in that many useful items – previously disposed of as garbage – are now donated to local charities. This is a great example of recycling in our community.

Detective Early looks for evidence at a crime scene.



Patrol Division

A tenet of the Tukwila Police Department's Mission Statement is being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. During 2007, the Patrol Division, led by Assistant Chief of Police Darrell Baskin, provided strong leadership in fulfilling this mission.

Commander Dennis McOmbler and Commander Don Lincoln, along with Sergeants Steven Gurr, Doug Johnson, Mark Howie and Rick Mitchell were the supervisory team that managed the Division during the year. This group of leaders provided vision, training and motivation to create a collaborative and team-based patrol force.

Over the course of the year, Officer Rick Mitchell was promoted to Sergeant, and Sergeant Johnson took on extra duties by serving as an acting patrol commander. One of our officers remained on military leave throughout the year.

Patrol officers responded to 32,119 calls for service during 2007, a decrease of almost 5% in calls for service. Officers responded to calls across the entire spectrum. There were over 9,000 case reports that ranged from death investigations to abductions, rapes, robberies, burglaries, assaults, domestic violence assaults, missing persons reports, alarms, drug crimes, prostitution, suspicious circumstance calls, and numerous other categories.

Our Patrol Division, consisting of 36 officers and sergeants, remains the backbone of this Department. They are a highly-trained and dedicated group of officers focused on providing the best service possible to our citizens. They serve with a sense of pride and professionalism that is often recognized by our citizens and visitors who frequently take the time to recognize their dedication and superior service through numerous complimentary letters to the Chief of Police.

Officer Cullens interviews a citizen regarding graffiti.



Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU)

Commander McOmber served as a Valley CDU Commander along with Patrol Sergeants Gurr and Howie who served as Team Leaders. The Tukwila CDU consists of 16 officers who are part of the multi-agency Valley CDU Team. The Valley CDU team is focused on mutual support during civil disturbance incidents. The Valley CDU conducts their capstone annual training at the Camp Rilea Military Training Reservation, which provides state-of-the-art training facilities and resources. The Valley CDU is one of the largest CDU teams in the State of Washington.



The Civil Disturbance Unit at training at Camp Rilea.

K-9

A K9 team consists of a commissioned officer and a police dog that has successfully completed an approved Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission 400-hour certification course. The team is assigned to and supports a night shift patrol squad. Although their primary mission is to track and locate serious crime suspects who have fled the scene, they also help find evidence, search buildings, and improve the overall safety of our officers and community.



Officer DeVries directs K-9 Stryker.

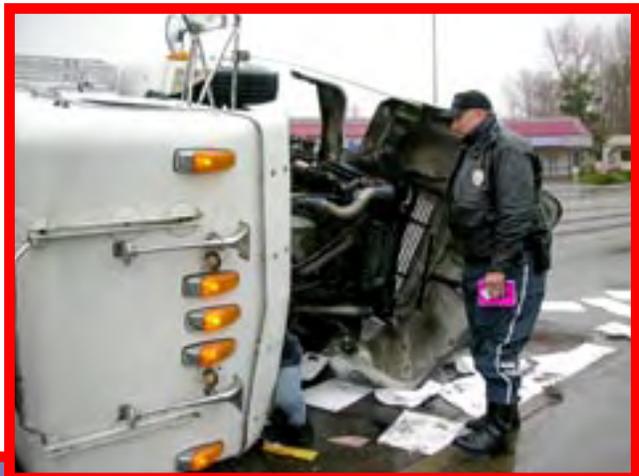
Tukwila Police Department has two K9 teams. In 2007 Officer Eric DeVries was selected as a handler along with K9 Stryker to become Tukwila PD's seventh K9 team in our history. Stryker is a German Shepherd from west Germany and was two years old when selected. They attended the necessary training and hit the streets in April. Throughout the remainder of 2007, Officer DeVries and Stryker did an outstanding job in assisting the

Police Department to fulfill their mission to the citizens of Tukwila. Our second team was vacant during 2007. We expect to fill that vacancy and see a second team in the field in 2008.

Traffic Unit

With three motor officers and a sergeant, the traffic unit issued nearly 1,200 notices of infraction, took 534 case reports, and handled 379 collision reports. They made 84 misdemeanor and nine felony arrests. They investigated 21 injury and 367 non-injury hit & run collisions. The Traffic Unit took nearly 40% of the 1,065 reportable collisions that occurred in the City. They also investigated eight car-versus-pedestrian collisions and one fatality collision. The traffic unit was called out over 15 times for serious injury collision investigations. In addition to the above, they participated in numerous community events and regional enforcement activities.

Officer Lecompte investigates a one-vehicle collision.



Explorers

The Tukwila Police Department has an active Police Explorer post, offering the youth of Tukwila and the surrounding area an opportunity to learn the many different facets of law enforcement. This program builds self-esteem as well as teamwork, cooperation and respect. The program is open to youth between 14 and 21 years of age.

Aside from meeting twice monthly, the Explorers also participate in many community events, such as Tukwila Days, crime prevention programs, domestic violence awareness events, and SeaFair. They are continually asked to participate at various fund-raisers and charity events.

The Explorer program also offers Explorer academies, camp-outs, and numerous challenges and competitions with other posts from the Northwest, as well as other fun events. The Post has acquired trophies and awards from various competitions where Explorers competed with Explorer posts from across the country, taking part in various law enforcement scenarios like traffic stops, domestic violence, arrest/search, and white collar crime.



Explorers take part in competitions at explorer academies.

Top: Sergeant Chung, Explorer Karns.

*Bottom: Explorer Gebremariam, Lieutenant Curtis, Chief Sarkisyan,
Sergeant Tran, Explorer Kumar, Explorer Hollander.*

Training Division

2007 was another busy training year for the Police Department. We coordinated the in-processing and training of five new employees; and coordinated a wide variety of training, including:

- Legal Update
- Homeland Security
- Handgun Proficiency
- Impact Weapons
- TASER
- Rifle Proficiency
- Unarmed Defensive Tactics
- Communicable Disease
- Accreditation
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Radar/Lidar
- The Street Crimes Seminar
- Emotional Survival
- Active Shooter
- CPR/ First Aid



Active Shooter training provides an opportunity for Officer J. Mitchell and Detective Corrigan to search Foster High School for shooting suspects in a controlled setting.



Sergeant Howie, Officer Vivet, Officer Hernandez, and Officer Mettlin use protective gear during training.

Investigations Division

Assistant Chief Sutter and Commander Villa managed and led the Investigations Division during most of 2007. The Division includes the Major Crimes Unit and the Tukwila Anti-Crime Team, as well as our School Resource Officer and personnel assigned to Crime Prevention and Accreditation –all providing a variety of service to the community and to our Department.

Tukwila Anti-Crime (TAC) Team

Detectives and officers assigned to the TAC team are primarily responsible for the investigation of narcotic and vice cases. “Team” is the key word in this unit. Although they worked the majority of the year with unit vacancies, many of their accomplishments came as a result of teamwork. TAC Team members worked in coordination with the Major Crimes Unit to successfully investigate a major computer theft case, as well as providing other miscellaneous services. Sergeant Mark Dunlap supervises the team, which includes three detectives and one uniformed officer. One additional TAC Team detective is assigned to the regional Valley Narcotic Task Force (V-Net), made up of members from local law enforcement and the Drug Enforcement Administration. V-Net conducts investigations into high-level drug trafficking cases that impact our region. Our TAC Team and V-NET provide each other with support and assistance when needed.

Major Crimes Unit

This unit, supervised by Sergeant Drever, is comprised of detectives who investigate a variety of serious criminal cases, including homicide, assault, domestic violence, missing persons, fraud and forgery, auto theft, and other felony crimes. Unit members participated in a community project to evaluate our efforts to assist children who are impacted by domestic violence crimes.

(L-R) Detective Baird, Detective Corrigan, Domestic Violence Advocate Adams, Detective Heckelsmiller, Specialist Lawrence, Detective Lancaster, Detective Koutouvidis, Detective Sotace, Detective Early, Detective Glover, Detective Stock, Sergeant Drever.



Administrative Sergeant

Sergeant Suzi Sacha assumed the Administrative Sergeant Position during 2007. She supervised the diverse challenges and accomplishments of our School Resource Officer, Accreditation Officer, and Crime Prevention Unit.

Accreditation Officer

The purpose of accreditation is to assure that our police services provided to the community meet standards as determined by the use of best practices. Our Accreditation Officer Mike Murphy worked throughout the year on refining our General Orders and recommending fine tuning to our operations that are in line with accreditation standards. Additionally he participated in the accreditation assessment of other agencies within the state.

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

Working with our community is a priority function of the Crime Prevention Unit. Officer Gerry Myklebust and Community Policing Coordinator Robbie Burns provided a variety of services and training during the year, including crime prevention training, security assessments, and managing our Safety in Overnight Lodging and Crime Free Multi-housing programs. The Unit developed and conducted our first 11-week Citizen's Academy, and coordinated the City-wide participation in the annual "Night Out" event, designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and encourage police/community partnerships. Staffed by Officer Myklebust and several volunteers, the Neighborhood Resource Center continued to serve as a visible police point of contact on Tukwila International Blvd.

*Participants in Citizen's Academy
practice writing police reports.*



Assistant Chief Sutter, Officer Wollan, and Assistant Chief Baskin congratulate DARE students in the yearly graduation ceremony.



School Resource Officer

Research has found that having a school resource officer in the schools can reduce the workload of patrol officers, improve the image of officers among students, create and maintain strong relationships with schools, and enhance the Department's reputation in the community. Our school resource officer Lisa Mills spent the school year with faculty, staff and students at Foster High School and Showalter Middle School. Lisa was elected president of the Washington School Safety Organization, and was the regional director for the National Association of School Resource Officers. She and Officers Ted Rutt and Brendan Kerin also provided students in our elementary schools with the D.A.R.E program to help them develop the skills to resist drugs

Employee of the Year

Officer Don Dart was honored as the 2007 Police Department Employee of the Year. Officer Dart is a 24-year veteran officer with six years of experience before being hired by Tukwila in 1989. He is one of our traffic officers responsible for investigating hit and run collisions, major traffic accidents, and conducting traffic enforcement and education. In addition to his primary duties, Officer Dart has given many hours, invaluable energy, and professional guidance to the cadets in the Explorer program. Officer Dart was the catalyst for and continues as the coordinator of our Traffic Volunteer Program. We recognize and thank Officer Dart for his tireless dedication to the Department and the Tukwila Community.

Night Out Against Crime

Every year the Tukwila Police Department is proud to sponsor a City-wide “Night Out” celebration to raise awareness of local crime-free and anti-crime programs. In 2007, the National Night Out Against Crime was held on Tuesday, August 7 and we had 23 registered neighborhoods that participated. During National Night Out, the Tukwila Police Department works with citizens to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and they are fighting back. This in turn strengthens neighborhood spirit and partnerships within the community. Members of the Tukwila Police Department, Tukwila Fire Department, Mayor’s Office, City Council and Code Enforcement, along with other City departments, visited each neighborhood that registered their event with us. This is a great way for people to get to know their neighbors and to meet representatives from the Police Department and other City departments.

Special Olympics of Washington

Each year the Tukwila Police Department raises funds for the Washington Special Olympic and this year was fantastic! In 2007, the Police Department raised about \$24,000 through the Law Enforcement Torch Run Campaign. This again placed the Tukwila Police Department in the Special Olympics of Washington "Circle of Honor." Some of the events included Tip-a-Cop at Red Robin, Acme Bowl and the World's Largest Truck Convoy. All funds raised for the Washington Special Olympics are used to provide year-round sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Washington State. This year, Tukwila Police Officer Rutt, who spearheads our events, was asked to speak at the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference held in Oklahoma. The Police Department is proud to raise funds and awareness for the Special Olympics of Washington.



ABOVE: Volunteers from the Department, Explorer program, and community support the Tip-A-Cop fund-raiser at Claim Jumper.

LEFT: Officer Rutt bowled for 24 hours straight to raise funds for Special Olympics athletes like Zach Smith.

Community-Oriented Policing Citizens' Advisory Board

This City board consists of nine members including residents, business representatives, a school representative, and a student. The Board meets monthly with the Police Chief, making recommendations on issues of public safety and community matters. The 2007 COPCAB members were:

REPRESENTING:

Residents:	Art Rosengren (Chair)	Business:	Victoria Lindsey
	Jun Castillo		Donna West
	Lynn Churchill	School District:	Jeff Baker
	Sylvia Erskine	Student:	Vacant

The Board attended many community meetings and events in 2007. The highlights for the year included representing COPCAB at Tukwila Days, which was held in July; and attending Night Out Against Crime in August.

Volunteers

In September more than 100 City volunteers and staff enjoyed a volunteer appreciation event held at the Tukwila Community Center.

City staff members expressed their appreciation for the volunteers who donate their time to serve on City boards and commissions, and those who volunteer regularly for City projects and events.

The Tukwila Police Department would like to recognize individuals who take time out of their day to help us to better serve the citizens who work and live in our community. They are Mary Hulvey, Joanne McManus, Dottie Sangl, Bob McManus, and Peter Okicich. These volunteers assist with various divisions within the Police Department including traffic assistance, fingerprinting, police explorers, and the Neighborhood Resource Center staffing.

Chaplains

Service requests are one facet of our volunteer police chaplains, Al Patterson and Lowell Welker. They responded to 12 requests in Tukwila and 38 as mutual aid for other City departments and local agencies. All of the city and county chaplains in our South King County region are dedicated to the commitment that a chaplain will respond any time one is requested. They provide service to ensure the care of the community in a time of need or crisis.

Both chaplains continued their care for department personnel through station visits and the ride-along program. They also attended trainings, graduations, special award ceremonies, and memorial services. Al and Lowell attended Pastoral Crisis Intervention training at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center, and Lowell attended the International Conference of Police Chaplains in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Police Officer's Prayer

As I go about my duty, God,
Every step along the way,
Help me make a difference
In this world each passing day.

Give me a heart to be concerned,
A mind that knows what is right.
Give me the eyes and ears to see and hear
The truth as in Your sight.

Give me protection from things unseen,
Strength to face each test,
Help me to stand for law and order,
To daily do my best.

Give me the courage to defend the weak,
Compassion for those oppressed.
Help me lift up the ones who've stumbled,
Give a hand to those who are distressed.

Give me grace to face my final hour,
To give my life in service.
Let your strong hand and loving heart
Protect the ones that I hold dearest.

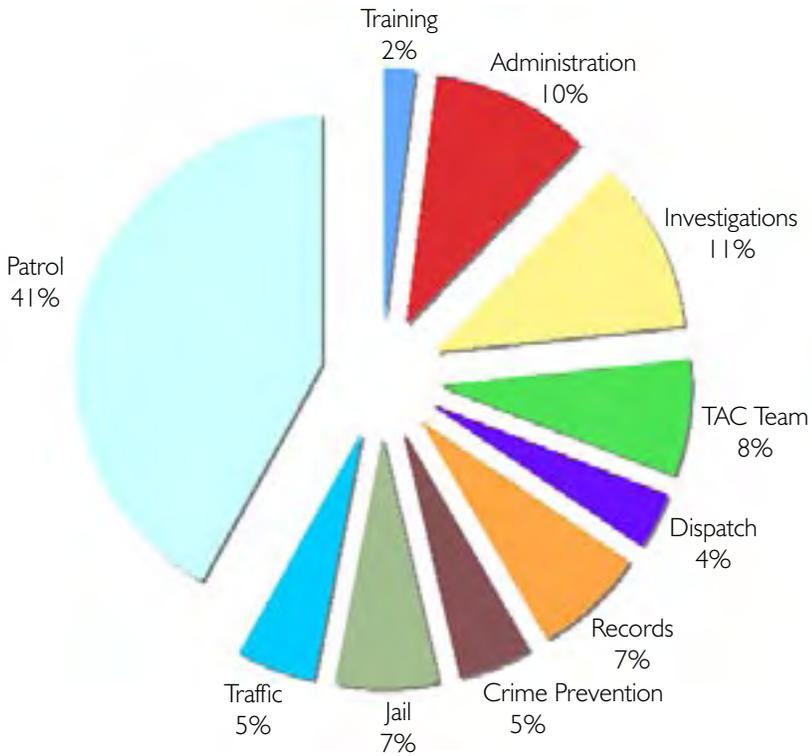
Year At A Glance

With Comparative Totals for 2005 and 2006

	2007	2006	2005
Population	17,930	17,930	17,110
Budget	\$11,135,282	\$11,130,078	\$10,804,350
Police Staff:			
Commissioned	68	68	68
Non-Commissioned	16	16	14
Calls for Service	30,375	33,685	32,922
Part I Crime	3,069	3,403	3,873
Traffic Citations/Infractions Issued	3,618	4,128	3,345
Reported Vehicle Accidents:			
Injury	189	228	213
Fatal	1	2	2
Non-injury	517	455	418
Injury Hit-and-Run	23	16	24
Total	730	701	657
Emergency Response Time (in minutes):			
Priority 1	2.95	3.4	3.5
Priority 2	8.47	9.95	10.7
Non-Emergency Response Time (in minutes)	14.98	18.3	18.2

2007 Police Budget

Training.....	\$ 207,104
Administration.....	1,168,285
Investigations.....	1,222,350
TAC Team	849,431
Dispatch	392,683
Records	812,946
Crime Prevention.....	501,328
Jail.....	770,000
Traffic.....	539,433
Patrol	4,671,722
Total 2007 Budget.....	\$11,135,282



Crime in Tukwila

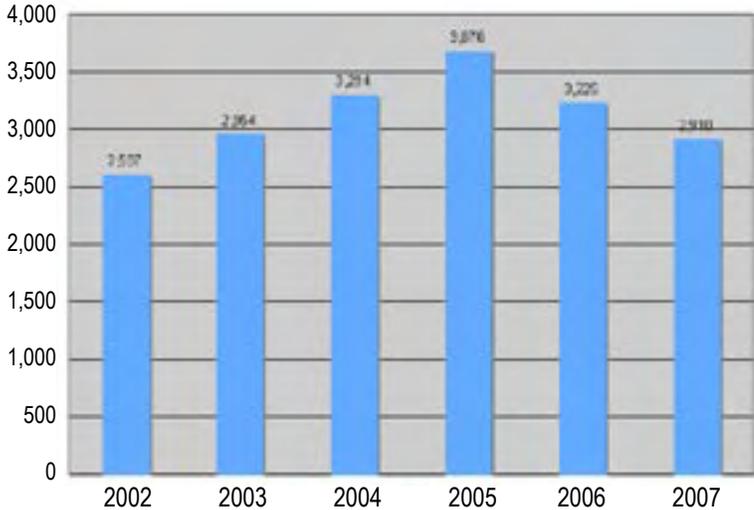
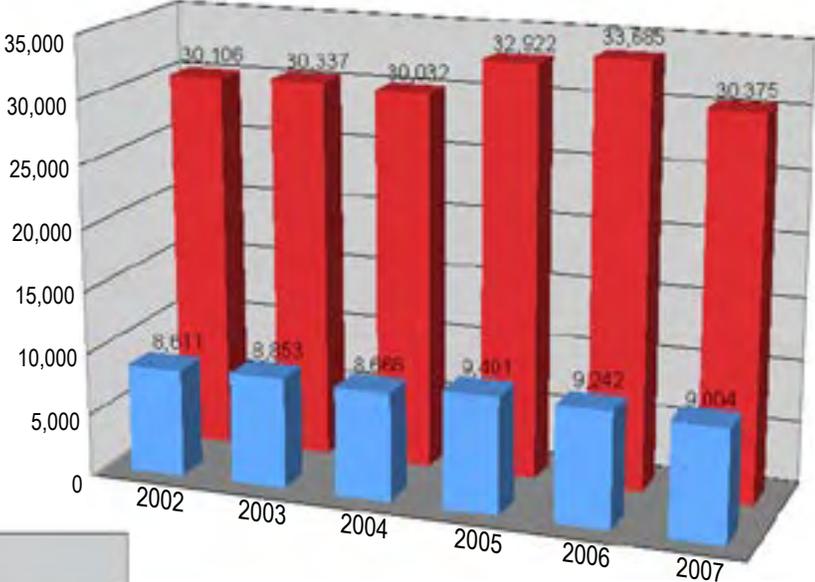
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Population	17,930	17,930	17,110	17,240	17,230
Calls for Service	30,375	33,685	32,922	30,032	30,337
Violent Crime:					
Murder	2	1	2	1	1
Rape	13	18	22	19	23
Robbery	80	91	89	80	87
Aggravated Assault	64	68	84	75	89
Totals	159	178	197	175	200
Property Crime:					
Arson	2	10	13	14	15
Burglary	298	312	342	303	296
Theft	1,976	2,271	2,505	2,340	2,102
Auto Theft	634	632	816	637	541
Totals	2,910	3,225	3,676	3,294	2,954
Total Part I Crime	3,069	3,403	3,873	3,469	3,154
Crime Clearances	403	464	771	806	895

Clearance Rates - Part 1

	2007 Crime Totals	Number Cleared	Percent Cleared
CRIME:			
Murder	2	0	0%
Rape	13	5	38%
Robbery	80	21	26%
Aggravated Assault	64	24	38%
Burglary	298	18	6%
Theft	1,976	325	16%
Motor Vehicle Theft	634	10	2%
Arson	2	0	0%
TOTALS	3,069	403	13%

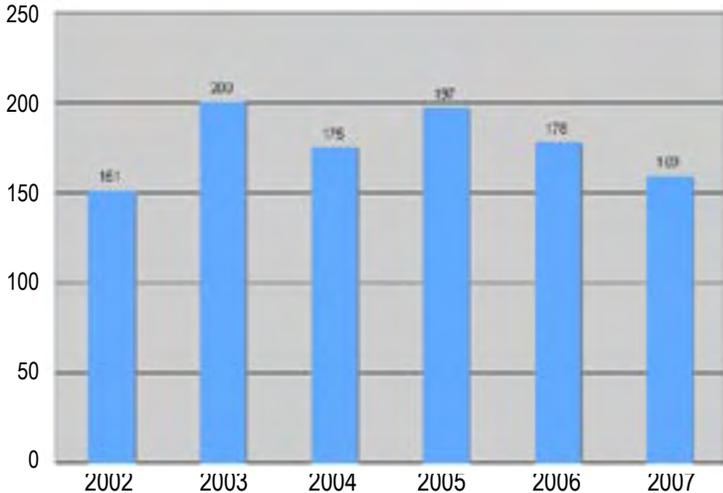
Calls for Service/Case Files

Year	Case Files	Calls for Service
2002	8,611	30,106
2003	8,853	30,337
2004	8,668	30,032
2005	9,401	32,922
2006	9,242	33,685
2007	9,004	30,375



Incidents of Property Crime

Incidents of Violent Felony Crime



Organizational Philosophy

We, the members of the
Tukwila Police Department,
in the spirit of partnership with our community,
strive for excellence as professional men and women,
ethically and morally dedicated to
providing quality law enforcement
to the citizens of our community.

As professionals, we embrace
the highest principles of public service
in the performance of our duty
and we hold fast these values.



Tukwila Police Department
Patrol Districts

